

Appln. No.: 10/043,768
Amendment Dated May 8, 2006
Reply to Office Action of November 16, 2005

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Remarks/Arguments:**Claim Status**

Claims 1-19 are pending.

Claims 12-19 are allowed.

Claims 2-11 are objected to, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form.

Claim 1 is rejected.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 3,5-7 and 10 are amended and claims 2 and 9 are canceled without prejudice.

Applicants request entry and approval of this Amendment because the Amendment: (1) amends claim 1, as originally filed, to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2 (based on the Office Action mailed June 3 , 2005); (2) cancels claims 2 and 9; (3) amends claim 10 consistent with amended claim 1; and (4) amends claim 7 to correct an error therein. It is submitted that these claim amendments place the application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner in the Office Action of June 3, 2005 indicated that the subject matter of original claim 2 to be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form (i.e., with the subject matter of original claim 1). Applicants have now rewritten claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of original claims 1 and 2. Moreover, Applicants have amended claims 3, 5 and 6 to change the dependences of these claims from claim 2 to claim 1. It is submitted that these claim amendments render claims 1 and 3-8 and 10-11 allowable.

Rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

In the Action at item 2, claim 1 is rejected as being anticipated by Chen (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0169746).

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of original claims 1 and 2 to render claims 1 and 3-8 and 10-11 allowable.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

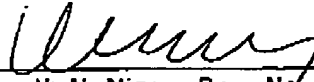
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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to phone applicants' attorney if it is believed that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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